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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): K. KURODA et al
Serial No.: 10/748,139
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For: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH AN ACTIVE REGION
AND PLURAL DUMMY REGIONS
Group: 2826
Examiner: T. QUACH

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT and REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS: AMENDMENTS
Commissioner For Patents
POB 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 4, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2005, please amend the
above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Specification;

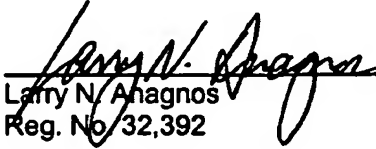
Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the Amendment.

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Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Dep. Acct. No. 01-2135 (501.40803VX1), and
please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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